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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Division Director *WJB*
THRU: Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director *MAW*
THRU: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *DWH*
FROM: Tom Munson, Senior Reclamation Specialist *TM*
RE: Request to Release Areas, Brush Wellman Inc., Topaz Mine, M/023/003 and Hogsback Mine, M/023/053, Juab County, Utah

On May 22, 2000, Brush Wellman, Inc. requested that the Division inspect and release from further reclamation liability their Monitor #3 overburden pile (26 acres); the North Blue Chalk #2 overburden pile (33 acres); and the Hogsback dump slope (2.5 acres). The Division advised Brush that a site inspection would have to be made and also requested they provide photos and maps of the areas requested.

On June 20, 2000, a joint inspection was performed (inspection memo attached). Participating at the inspection were representatives from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), and Brush Wellman, Inc. The requested maps and photos were supplied to the Division on June 26, 2000.

The inspection determined that Brush Wellman had done excellent reclamation of the three requested areas. The revegetation met or exceeded the Division's reclamation standards. Upon the recommendation of the BLM and SITLA, the Division seeks approval to release 59 acres at the Topaz Mine and 2.5 acres at the Hogsback Mine. If you are in agreement with this request, please sign the enclosed letter to Brush Wellman releasing them from further reclamation obligations of these three areas. Brush Wellman has a self bond for the Topaz Mine, therefore, no surety release will be required for the 59 acres. They have a surety bond for the Hogs Back, however, no surety release was requested for the 2.5 acres. ✓

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Attachment: 6/20/00 inspection memo
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